

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 10, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto. Claims 12-27 have been allowed.

By this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 11 have been canceled, claims 5, 6, and 7 have been amended. No new matter has been added. The amendments to the claims do not narrow the scope of the claims. Claims 5-10 and 12-27 are pending and claims 5-10 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

The application was subject to a telephone restriction requirement. The Applicants responded on December 22, 2004 electing group I claims 1-27. The Applicants now affirm the election.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 12-27 and indicating allowable subject matter in claims 5-10. Claims 5, 6, and 7 have been rewritten in independent form and should now be allowable.

The drawings were objected to for minor informalities. Responsive to this objection, the drawings were amended as follows: Figures 1-3 were labeled as prior art. Support for this amendment is found at least in the text spanning page 2, line 11 and page 3, line 19.

Claims 1-4 and 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fujiwara (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0171457). As claims 1-4 and 11 have been canceled, the rejection is now rendered moot.

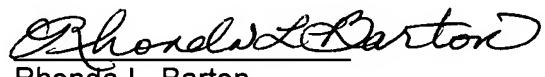
Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 5-10 and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability for claims 5-10 and 12-27.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to

contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 100021-00138.**

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Enclosure: Replacement Drawing Sheets for Figures 1-3

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The Applicants respectfully present herewith replacement Figs. 1-3, which include the desired changes, without markings, and which comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.84. The changes made to Figs. 1-3 are explained in the accompanying remarks section below.